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** ALASKA -- NOT! (Corrects an item under this heading in DXLD 0-170) NA-213. (CORRECTION). Last week it was reported that the "Magnolia DX Association" was going to be active from Dauphin Island in late February. We stated that Dauphin Island was in Alaska, this is incorrect. It is a part of Alabama (KB8NW/OPDX January 8/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Know your state abbrs! (gh) Glenn, The last time I looked, Dauphin Island was in Alabama, not Alaska (Larry Muenzler, DXLD)

** ALGERIA. Mohammed, 7X4AN, has been active on 10 meters CW/SSB between 1330-1600z. Watch around 28010 kHz and between 28400 and 28500 kHz. Also, watch around 7001 kHz after 2130z. This past weekend Sadek, 7X4LS, was spotted around 28475 between 1530 and 1600 (KB8NW/OPDX January 8/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. BBC Mundo, Buenos Aires, December 30, 0643-0830 on 1670 kHz, MW X-band stn from Buenos Aires was heard here in Japan, thanks to a tip from ConecciÛn Digital via DXLD. Program was seemingly entitled "Los Cl.sicos" playing non-stop classic mx. ID's were given as follows: "En el aire, 1670 AM, Buenos Aires, Argentina, todo ... por BBC.", "LOS CLASICOS desde la BBC de Londres.", etc. (Shoji YAMADA, Tokyo, Japan, RNM, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARUBA. Start looking for Alan, K4AVQ, next weekend as P40AV. He will be there Jan 13-21st. He states that he will start on 10 meters, if open, and then work the lower bands. Suggested frequencies are: 28500, 28495, 21300, 14155, 14205, 14255, 7150, 3535-45 and 1825. Alan will also try to accommodate special requests for CW and Phone on any band needed when the traffic is low. He will also listen for QRP and Mobile stations. QSL via: Alan B Caplan, 14020 140th Court, Apple Valley, MN 55124-9422 USA (KB8NW/OPDX January 8/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [non]. Radio Australia's new relay, and new service in Khmer, via the Kranji (Singapore) relay, noted here in Melbourne on 9730, *2300-2330* at very good level, Jan 8. If we hadn't been forewarned, we could be excused for thinking that this is merely a

new channel for Shepparton. Is this REALLY Kranji? If so, they are hurling lots of kW in a southerly direction, and at 2300, propagation into Melbourne from the Singapore area is very chancy, even at the best of times, in our midsummer. My spies tell me that antenna azimuth for this is 010 degrees, with 100 kW (Bob Padula, Melbourne, Jan 7, Electronic DX Press via DXLD)

** BANGLADESH. Stig, S21YJ, was heard this past weekend on 14190 kHz around and after 0200z. QSL via SM4AIO (KB8NW/OPDX January 8/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELGIUM. Frans Vossens is ill and Radio World on RVI will be off for three weeks beginning today. Since the thing I most remember about the 12/31 program was thinking "What the hell is he doing out of bed?" this is not very surprising (Joil Rubin, NY, Jan 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOTSWANA. Barry/ZS1FJ and Gerald/ZS1GRM are planning to be active from here starting around 1800z, Sunday, January 14th and continuing until late Saturday the 20th. They have requested the callsign A24DX, however, they are having difficulties with the authorities who want them to use the callsign A24/homecall. Activity will be on all bands, mostly SSB on frequencies which will not interfere with the 3Y0C operation. Therefore, suggested frequencies are 28450, 21270 and 14270 kHz at the appropriate times for propagation. On 40 meters they will transmit at 7080 kHz and receive split between 0300-0400z, listening to stateside stations for advice on what frequency to use to suits them. The same will be applied to 80 meters. Barry states that if there should be a demand, they will be active on the WARC bands (18145 and 24950 kHz). They will use an A3S and G5RV antenna with the max power output. They plan to be on from 0300z until, probably, 2200z. QSLs to ZS1FJ (KB8NW/OPDX January 8/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOUVENT ISLAND. Chuck, 3Y0C, was heard over the weekend on 40 meters SSB for about an hour on 7052 and 7062 kHz between 0400 and 0515z. He was also heard on 20 meters SSB Saturday and Sunday, as well as 12 meters on Friday. His activity may seem short, but this is due to his work schedule which is very demanding, and on most days he can only squeeze 10 minutes in at a time during his breaks to get on the radio. So please be patient with him. Chuck understands the high demand for Bouvet, and remember, he is only a one man operation. The following press release below will explain it more.

QSL Manager Mac, WA4FFW, reports that he spoke with 3Y0C on 01/06/01. Chuck has been off the air the past few days because a storm blew down antennas again. Time and weather allowed him to get the beam up 25 feet today. He has the vertical repaired, but because of a storm

closing in, he will not put it up until after the storm clears. They have developed an oil leak in the generator, and attempted repairs have not been successful.

They can use it but only for 2 hours a day which is sufficient to charge the batteries. He is unable to use the linear without the use of the generator. Chuck will be on as many bands as possible and explains that one of the reasons for such short runs sometimes is that he is trying to work a few stations between other duties to provide as many contacts as possible. He wants to remind the DX fraternity that he is aware of the need for Bouvet Worldwide. However, he is on an official scientific expedition, with specific duties, not a DXpedition. He is trying to give the world as many contacts as the situations there will allow. Because he is on at various times, he has been available to all parts of the world. What must be recognized is the fact that he is not on the same time each day, nor is he always on the same length of time because of his duties.

Mac, WA4FFW, also announced that the QSL address for the 3Y0C QSL cards is as follows: Mark McIntyre, WA4FFW, 2903 Maple Ave., Burlington, NC. 27215 USA. Mac advises that some cards have already arrived. He asked earlier that they not be sent until "this announcement". None have been opened, but he states that he hopes those already received have sufficient postage based on the new postal rates, otherwise they will be returned via bureau. He also would like to inform the international community that the cost to mail a QSL to a foreign country has increased as well effective January 8, 2001. Mac reports he will not have logs until Chuck returns in March, so no QSLs can go out until he has arrived back stateside. Mac said that the delay in announcing the address was to allow the implementation of the new US postal rates. This was done so everyone would have the correct return postage preventing their direct card being shipped via the bureau. He said the reason was based on the postal increase and not that he was moving. He would like to inform all that he has no plans to relocate his antenna farm by moving as he read on the internet was the reason (KB8NW/OPDX January 8/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURMA. What seems to be The Burmese Defence Forces Station was heard with quite good strength on 6570 kHz from 1355 and still now at 1515. Very beautiful, oriental music played and a male talked sometimes like religious. Interference from radio amateurs [sic], but otherwise (especially when there was music) the signals were strong. Is there anybody out there who has got a proper address to write to - or has ever got any answer from that station? Best wishes and 73 from (Björn Fransson, Gotland, Sweden, Jan 7, HCDX via DXLD)

** BURMA. Also heard very well on 6570.0 kHz here in Denmark from tune in at 1505 UT. From 1530 some co-channel [sic] interference from Pyongyang very strong on 6575. (Had to use USB because of some Italians on 6570 LSB). Myanmar was still audible around 1615 but gone at retune 1700, so I guess s/off was at 1630 or just prior to 1700. But are we sure it's Myanmar and what's the real name of the station? Still "Defence Forces Broadcasting Unit" as per WRTH 2001? Not listed in PWBR 2001 nor in the Klingenfuss Frequency Guide 2001. Best 73s (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, Denmark, hard-core-dx Jan 7, via DXLD)

** CANADA. Just a note to advise that the QSLs for AM 740 will be printed within the next 2 weeks. We hope to mail out the first ones before the end of the month. We will keep you updated via this forum. Thanks for your anticipated patience (Brian Smith, AM 740 QSL Manager, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CJRT is still carrying its BBC comedy strip, 6:30-7 pm CT weekdays, including Just A Minute, UT Tuesday 0030. Their new black website has links which are almost invisible, but I finally found the audio page: <http://www.jazz.fm/livejazz.eht> (Glenn Hauser, Jan 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Was interested to read Walt's original post on 6160, and I've noted the same unusual reception several times I've checked since then. This time of year CKZU comes in here throughout the daylight hours, and today such was the case as normal. By 0000 UT CKZN had come up, and the two stations were about even. The CBC news was broadcast on both, with CKZN about a half second behind. After the news at 0004, Vancouver gave the weather forecast, while St. John's ran a promo for a feature on the contest for the leadership of the Newfoundland Liberal party (and thus the premiership). Last night (0600 7 Jan) I heard CKZN with CBC news and into CBC Overnight, with not a trace of CKZU. Certainly an interesting phenomenon (Nigel Pimbrell, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, Jan 8, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** CONWAY REEF. According to Raymundo, YS1RR, the planning for the Conway Reef DXpedition is progressing on a "fast track". Operators YT1AD, YU1RL, YU1NR, YU1FW, YU7AV, YU6AO (YZ7AA), YS1RR, Z32AU and Z32ZM are expected to operate from here (refer to OPDX.482/488) from February 19-28th. Their callsign will be announced on February 18th. They have announced the following suggested modes and frequencies:

CW - 1825, 3505, 7003, 10104, 14020, 18020, 21020, 24896, 28020, 50105

SSB - 1835, 3795, 7075, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28495, 50125

Digital - 1835, 3575, 7035, 14075, 21075, 28075

SSTV - 3723, 7035, 14230, 21340, 28680 kHz

ADDED NOTE: Receiving frequencies will be 5 to 30 kHz higher than transmitting frequencies. Additional information will be given during operation time. QSL via YT1AD: Hrane Milosevic, 36206 Vitanovac, Yugoslavia.

Raymundo reports that as in all DXpeditions, they are short of funds and your donations will be very helpful to make this operation a great success and any small or big donations are welcome. Donations can be sent to YS1RR: Raymundo Rodríguez, P. O. Box 32, San Salvador, El Salvador or to VIPSAL 682, P.O. Box 02-5364, Miami, FL 33102-5364, USA. Please visit the Conway 2001 Web Page at:
<http://www.kragujevac.co.yu/3d2> This is under construction and will be updated frequently (KB8NW/OPDX January 8/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. R. Pampa, Nicoya, December 30, 1125-1209, on 4260.66 kHz, to my surprise, this Costa Rican harmonic was also heard here in Japan! Almost non-stop salsa & merengue excepting TC by YL until 1200, then religious program. ID was given as "... en toda la familia desde Pampa ... el mundo." Thanks DXLD for many tips (Shoji YAMADA, Tokyo, Japan, RNM, DX LISTENING DIGEST) BTW, must be Malm's unID under PER' in DXLD 0-170 (gh)

** COSTA RICA. Dear Glenn, Heard RfPI on 7480 till abrupt sign off at 0653 today January 7th. Is "normal" close down still at 0600? And any news on the plans of a usb service on 7480 after 0600? Per the most recent info the schedule is:

7480 kHz 30 kW 0300-0600 (or is it 0000-0600?)

15049 kHz 10 kW 2200-0400

21815 kHz (usb) 3 kW 1200-0400

If so this would mean that the station is completely silent from 0600 to 1200 UT!? Best 73s (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, Denmark, DXLD)

I too have noted them running well past 0600, but I think this is part of normal variation for them and would not depend on it. I believe 7480 is still not coming on before 0200 or so. Yes, it has been completely silent 0600v-1200v for quite some time. As I reported recently, they are trying to get the 7480 antenna raised up to its proper height. After that is accomplished, I suppose they will work on switching to 15065 and eventually to SSB overnight. 15049 is sometimes on before 2200, and 21815-USB nominally closes at 2400* (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA [non]. Re: We thought relays via Germany had stopped long ago, and indeed nothing audible on 9925 at 0014 check Jan 6, but here is the latest DTK schedule showing the Croatian Information Centre ... (gh)

I guess: The frequencies are registered for US CIC organization, on the conference in August 2000. But in November CIC had no funds to pay for that service via Jlich. As a "place holder" Deutsche Telekom reserve these entries till March 25, 2001. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang Bschel, Germany, Jan 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Radio Habana Cuba in English is now heard on 9830 kHz in USB 05-07 UT probably instead of 11705-usb. Noted today January 7th with a fairly strong signal on 9830-usb as well as AM on 9550 and 9820 kHz also in the clear. Nothing on 11705 (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, Denmark, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DENMARK [non]. Dear Glenn - I guess I forgot to tell you where Peary Land and Station Nord is located - in case you do not know. It is in the most north eastern part of Greenland. 73, (Erik Kie, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 2700.09, Ondas del Yuna (2 x 1350 harmonic) Jan 6 at 1040, Bachata vocals, 1043 canned ID, fair to good signal (Mark Mohrmann, VT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. HD210A [sic] Instituto Oceanogr.fico de la Armada, Guayaquil, 3810 kHz, 0537-0601 Jan 7, very low signal (QSA 1-2), best heard in LSB: "...al oir el tono ser.n cero hora, 40 minutos, cero segundos..."; ID at 0559 but very, very low!!! (Daniele Canonica, Switzerland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Daniele is not alone in mistaking the callsign of this one; I see it time and again. There is a very big clue in the name of the organization that the letters IOA appear after the 2, not one-zero-a. BTW, Yimber Gaviria has an unofficial website for it (gh, DXLD)

** EGYPT. SU3AM was heard this past weekend on 12 meters on 24950 kHz between 1300 and 1400z. QSL via DL1FCM. Said, SU1SK, was active on 21280 kHz from about 1345z to 1520z (KB8NW/OPDX January 8/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FIJI. From the Conway Reef update press release above, the operators will operate from here as 3D2AD, 3D2AU and possibly other individual callsigns after their operation on Conway between March 1-6th (KB8NW/OPDX January 8/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9525.0 V. of Indonesia, Cimanggis. 0102-0115+ Jan 7. English program with opening music and opening announcement, and talks. Signal became very weak and faded out around 0115. Now VOI seems to use 9525 kHz only

9552.5 RRI Makassar. Dec 31 0752-0805*. Advertisement, dangdut music, ID at 0802 as "Inilah Radio Republik Indonesia Makassar, Programa Satu". Suddenly finished at 0805. Poor (Juichi Yamada, JAPAN, Jembatan DX via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. USA/Pacific: Satellite for US digital radio blasts off from Sea Launch | Text of report by Radio Australia on 8 January

A telecommunications satellite has been launched into orbit from waters east of Kiribati. The satellite took off from the offshore launch pad Sea Launch, located in international waters near Kiribati's easternmost island of Kiritimati. The satellite's owners say it will transmit state-of-the-art digital audio radio programming directly to cars, homes and portable radios. Sea Launch says the satellite is one of two that the Washington DC-based XM Satellite Radio Inc intends to put into orbit. The satellites, called Rock and Roll, will transmit up to 100 channels of digital-quality music, news, sports, talk, comedy and children's programming to subscribers across the United States. Source: Radio Australia, Melbourne, in English 0500 gmt 8 Jan 01 (via BBC Monitoring Jan 8 via DXLD)

Glenn, Thought you might be interested in this one.

``No more fiddling with that dial with radio beamed from space``

http://www.thestar.com/apps/AppLogic+FTContentServer?pagename=thestar/Layout/Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=978928267266&call_page=TS_News&call_pageid=968332188492&call_pagepath=News/News;http://www.thestar.com/apps/AppLogic+FTContentServer?pagename=thestar/Layout/Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=978928267266&call_page=TS_News&call_pageid=968332188492&call_pagepath=News/News
73, (Ivan Grishin, Ont., Jan 8, DXLD)

** IRAQ/IRAN/KURDISTAN. [Re: DXLD 1-002, 1-003] I doubt the jamming you refer to is in any way connected with Voice of the People of Kurdistan - which is a long-standing Kurdish domestic broadcaster based in Sulaymaniyah, in the Kurdish autonomous area of northern Iraq (Iraqi Kurdistan). It operates a very stable transmitter on 6995 kHz. It does not use 7100 kHz and certainly does NOT transmit from Iran. Nor is it subject to jamming from Iraq. The source of your frequency-hopping jammer is far more likely to be IRAN. The jamming is probably aimed at the Iranian opposition station Voice of the Mojahed which hops all over the place, including frequencies in the 40m ham band. Voice of the Mojahed has been around for many years along with its frequency-hopping Iranian jammers, and is well known to broadcast DXers. I am therefore very surprised that a respectable

organisation such as the ARRL should get it so wrong. Could you pass this on to Brennan Price as I don't have his email address. 73s (Dave Kenny, British DX Club, via Bill Smith, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I was just about to reply to this, to point out that the ARRL has got things completely back-to-front, when I read the comments from Olle Alm and Hans Johnson in Glenn Hausers's DXLD 1-003. Olle and Hans have got it absolutely right, so there is little more to be said. These jammers are Iranian, not Iraqi, and are aimed at broadcasts out of (not into) Iraq. And they (the broadcasts and the jamming) have been going on for years, not months. As Hans says, Voice of the People of Kurdistan has nothing to do with all of this. I wonder if the ARRL would like to share the evidence that led them to "know exactly what this is" (Chris Greenway, England, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Some who hate to admit the ARRL could be so wrong question the credentials of those quoted in this and previous issue. For those who do not know: Chris Greenway and Dave Kenny both are professional monitors working for BBC Monitoring (speaking for themselves here); Olle Alm is a highly respected longtime monitor known for his detailed observations of technical clues leading to the identification of transmitter sites; Hans Johnson, head of Cumbre DX, among other things, speaks Arabic. The facts could also have been researched in a number of (non-amateur) DX publications. We expect to see a correction in the next edition of the ARRL Letter (gh, DXLD)

** ISLE OF MAN. DX Information from the British DX Club (BDXC-UK).
From: <http://www.manxradio.com/News/welcome.html> Monday January 8th

It is hoped the independent inspector's report on the proposed long wave radio station antenna in Bride will be arriving in the Island tomorrow. The Isle of Man International Broadcasting Company wants to establish a Manx based station which would be able to broadcast to most of the United Kingdom. Objectors have voiced concerns about the safety of the proposed antenna and the need for the station at all. The report was originally due in November, but the evidence required further attention from the Inspector. The project is regarded as one of national importance, and any decision will be "fast tracked", which means the report will be considered by the Council of Ministers for a decision rather than going through the normal planning process. The Council of Ministers will meet this Thursday and is expected to consider the report then (via Mike Terry, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN. CLANDESTINE/IRAQ: Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan in Kurdish and Arabic noted on Jan. 7: 1500-2000 on NF 5860.0 (55544), ex 5855.0, re-ex 5865.0 // 4085.0 (Ivo & Anguel, Bulgaria, Observer Jan 8 via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. Radio-4, 7295, Jan 1 at 2252 presumed this one with lively DJ in English, lots of chatter about the New Year; gave phone number at 2254 and went into pop vocal. Woman at 2300 in what seemed news. Far too choppy for any sustained readability -- not surprising when you consider that Malaysia is a straight shot over the North Pole from here. At the same time, signal on 7270 with talk by man was probably Sarawak; usually this freq is covered by Spain (Bob Hill, MA, Electronic DX Press via DXLD)

** MESHIMA ISLAND. Masa, JA6GXK, will be active from Danjo Archipelago (Meshima Island) between January 8-14th. This is not a DXpedition and he will be active in his spare time. His planned operating schedule is as follows:

January 8th - 0100-0800z and 1000-1100z

January 9th - 1000-1400z

January 11th - 1000-1100z

January 12th - 1000-1400z

January 13th - 0100-0230z

January 14th - 0100-0800z

Suggested frequencies are: 14260 or 21260 (both +/- 10 kHz). QSL via only the Bureau (KB8NW/OPDX January 8/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** M...XICO. 3180.00, XEVOZ Bonita AM (2 x 1590 harmonic) Jan 6 1019-1033, Romantic ballads, jingle with "Bonita" in it, then clear ID "Escuchas Bonita 15-90". Covered by huge throbbing ute but heard through it on a good peak. Thanks to Dave Hodgson for discovering this one and the tip (Mark Mohrmann, VT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS/AUSTRALIA. Hi everyone, I had a nice surprise today when the phone rang at work and it was Dick Speekman calling to say hello. For those who don't remember, Dick used to work at Radio Netherlands and presented DX Jukebox for a time in the 70's. Unfortunately as he was on a flying visit, we were not able to meet face to face (in fact we have never met). But I was able to ascertain that Dick is in good health, not yet (quite) 60, and now runs his own small packaging firm based in Adelaide, Australia. His Aussie accent seems a lot stronger than I remember it, but maybe that's the memory playing tricks. Dick subscribes to the Media Network newsletter, and still listens to the major international broadcasters, so he really ought to join this group! Until he does, he asked me to pass on his best wishes to all those of you who remember him. BTW he also mentioned that he was unable to see another former colleague, Jim Vastenhoud, as Jim was involved in a meeting of the local council this afternoon! So he's obviously still leading an active life too (Andy Sennitt, Radio Netherlands, Jan 8, swprograms via DXLD)

** PANAM; (Attention Prefix Hunters!). Cam, HP1AC, informs OPDX that

the "Radio Club de Panam." has obtained a special permit from the Panam. Government Radio Dept. Office so any amateur radio operator in Panam. during the month of March 2001 will be able to use the special prefix 3E500 (Three Echo Five Zero Zero). This special prefix is to commemorate the 500th year anniversary of the Discovery of the "Isthmus of Panama" in March 1501 by Don Rodrigo de Bastidas. An example is Cam's callsign (HP1AC), he will be using 3E500AC (Three Echo Fivehundred Alfa Charlie). A special QSL will be issued to confirm all QSOs during the month of March 2001. QSL Manager will be HP1RCP, Radio Club de Panam., P.O.Box 10745, Panam. 4, PANAM; (KB8NW/OPDX January 8/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PER/. 5323.6 R. La Voz de Anta, Acobamba, Huancavelica; 3 Jan 0036-0057 444444 mx huayno, ``Estamos llegando a la parte final de nuestra programaciÛn de esta noche...`` s/off 0100.

Also 4 Jan 0950-1230 444444; the day before I could not get an ID so I turned the receiver on early to catch their s/on; just appears at 1130 with Peruvian timecheck and male voice says ``Usted escucha Radio la Voz de Anta, en los 5320 kHz, desde la ciudad de Anta, Acobamba, Huancavelica, Radio la Voz de Anta, la diferencia en radiooo...`` [I guess he means he started monitoring at 0950 -gh]

On 5486.7, R. Reina de la Selva, Chachapoyas; 3 Jan 0100-0130 33333 ads for PanaderÌa Don Antonio, mx moderna px, 60 minutes of 80s rock. ID by male voice: ``Aqui en las oficinas de la radio la Reina de la Selva nos encontrar...``, mx, ID ``Radio La Voz de la Selva desde Chachapoyas, son las 8 de la noche con 10 minutos.`` (Pedro F. Arrun-tegui, Lima, Chasqui DX, translated by gh for DXLD)

** PER/. R. Imperio, Chiclayo; December 29, 1107- on 4388.92 kHz, religious px "La Voz de SalvaciÛn" until 1130, then non-stop folklore (huayno ayacuchano, chicha, carnavalito, musica criolla, etc). Simple canned ID was given at 1148 (Shoji YAMADA, Tokyo, Japan, RNM, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. On January 5 a famous Russian DXer Nikolai Pashkevich died in Moscow, as a result of a tragic car-related accident. In just a few days, on January 15 he should have celebrated his 47th birthday...

Nikolai started listening to the world-band stations already in the end of the 60s. Back then DXing was one of the most dangerous hobbies in the USSR. Eventually, Nikolai's contacts with foreign stations and colleagues led to an official interrogation by KGB and threats of further action. However, he did not abandon his favorite hobby. In his spare time he even mastered English in order to become a more qualified monitor of the world bands.

In the end of the 80s, with a dramatic change of a political climate in the USSR, Nikolai was invited to coordinate the frequencies for Christian broadcasts targeted at Russia and to prepare a monthly 30-minute DX-program carried by TWR, FEBC, HCJB, and later by Radio Center in Moscow. For years he faithfully served as a regional QSL manager for TWR and HCJB. He also became an official monitor for RL/RFE.

In 1995-97 Nikolai published a bi-monthly DX-bulletin Info-Digest, based on materials received from Internet sources. He also actively contributed to various Russian and English-language DX publications and programs. Since 1998 he was one of the co-editors of the weekly Moscow DX Bulletin distributed by Internet. In 1999 he opened and moderated the first Internet-based discussion group for Russian-speaking DXers titled DX_Bistro. He participated in every annual conference organized by Moscow DXers.

In recent years Nikolai coordinated the work of VoA/RL/RFE monitors throughout CIS and continued monitoring TWR and recording a monthly DX-program for this station.

Despite his busy schedule Nikolai was always ready to help his colleagues in Russia and overseas. He closely followed the developments in the world broadcasting and generously shared his information with others. He personally mentored many young Russian DXers. Besides DXing, Nikolai enjoyed traveling and keeping in touch with his old and new friends throughout the world.

Nikolai will be buried in accordance with the Russian Orthodox tradition on January 10. He is survived by his grieving wife and daughter.

Nikolai's untimely death is a huge loss for the whole Russian DX-movement. He will be greatly missed by his family and countless friends, both in his native land and overseas (Sergei Sosedkin, Jan 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thank you, Sergei for conveying this tragic news. Nikolai was indeed an extremely valuable member of our DXing community. His loss will be felt by all avid DXers, especially those of us interested in broadcasting in the former Soviet Union. I can't help but think of so many well known, and less well known individuals who have died in recent years from car accidents in the CIS. So tragic, and so preventable. Veechnaya Pamyat, Nikolai! (Volodya Salmaniw, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. I have to forward sad news from Moscow:

Russian DX League is very sorry to tell DX community that Nickolay Pashkevich, one of the prominent figures in Russian and international DXing has passed away in a tragic accident in Moscow. Devoted to DX-hobby for over 30 years, he was known all over the world, professionally collaborated with leading radiostations and the most of DX - editions. We have lost a close friend, who had gone being so young. It is a painful loss, but he will never be forgotten, and his name will remain in the history of DXing (Anatoly Klepov, Moscow, Russia, via Kai Ludwig, Jan 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Radio Radonezh in Russian on SHORT WAVES with religious px: 1700-1959 on 6245 (55555) - excellent reception in Bulgaria!
(Observer Jan 8 via DXLD)

** SINGAPORE. Hi, maybe this could be a small contribution to several mails that were discussing relays of FM stations on SW from Singapore. Att: My survey is not complete. Radio Corporation of Singapore relays these domestic FM stations on SW:

6150 kHz as monitored between 1400-1600 UT (all stations in English)
Mon, Tue, Wed Perfect Ten 98.7 FM (hits)
Thu, Fri, Sat Class 95 FM (soft pop)
Sun News Radio 93.8 FM (news)

7170 kHz - Radio Oli (Olikkalanjiam) 96.8 FM (in Tamil) This station is on the air 2100-1800 and it is probably relayed on SW for the whole time.

7235 kHz (ex 7250) - Radio Warna 94.2 FM (in Malay) This station is on the air 2300-0900, 1400-1600; on SW is it audible in the afternoon and in the night (European time) On this frequency is probably relayed also Radio RIA 89.7 FM (1200-1400?). Radio Corporation of Singapore, Andrew Road, Singapore 1129. This survey has been compiled with a help of Antonin Bozdech, a blind Czech DXer who spends a most of the day by his beloved radio. GOOD DX, (Karel Honzik, the Czech Republic, Jan 8, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. In case you had forgotten, as I had, the current V. of Hope weekly broadcasts via RN Madagascar originally tested way back on Jan 1, 2000, on exactly the same schedule, 15320, but 12060 instead of 12070, as reported in

<http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/ghdx9983.txt>

I came across this again whilst preparing 2000 The SW Year in Review. Took them quite a while to start (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. Iglesia del Pueblo tests on 5925: nothing audible Jan 7 at

2100-2130; Jan 8 at 0300 far too much splash from the screaming fans of R. Windbag International on 5935; rechecked at 0329 and it was inaudible, off or decided to skip over in meantime? 5925 Spanish evangelizing kept going past 0330, fair and fadey. Went off just before 0337; maybe it had started late. Using 5925 to avoid France on 5915, which would have been a problem last week if really on 5920 as pre-publicized. I fail to see why Americans need to be evangelized by Swedish fundamentalists in Spanish. But it appears the Teracom SW site is now willing to sell time to any customers which do nothing to further Swedish national interests. Let us hope, at least, that this People's Church is not in the mold of Jim Jones' in Guyana (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN: La Voz del Pueblo /Voice of People/ in Spanish observed on Jan. 7: 21.00 - 21.45 on NF 5925 (55555), ex 5920 on Jan. 1 & 2 ANN: "...sta es La Voz del Pueblo, Primera emisiÛn" (Ivo & Anguel, Bulgaria, Observer via DXLD) Not ``Iglesia del Pueblo`` ?? 5920 was never used; was not on last week (gh, DXLD)

** SWEDEN. The Iglesia del Pueblo would like to know in what parts of the world their test transmissions can be copied. Reports may be sent to P O Box 122, S-191 22 Sollentuna, Sweden, or by e-mail to iglesiadelpueblo@swipnet.se The tests will continue next weekend as planned, said pastor Alfonso Ambrossi, when I dialed the number given on the program, +46 8 355455. To make reporting a bit easier, may I add that those speaking on the Jan 7/8 transmission were Alfonso Ambrossi, Israel Leonard, Nelson Guedes and Luis Berrios. Reception near the Arctic circle was a bit difficult, hammed by auroral flutter and the splattering signal of a Russian superpower on 5895 (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, Jan 8, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** TRINIDAD & TOBAGO. FM 98,9 Jan 2 0240, Radio Yes FM, Port of Spain, Trinidad Tobago, identificaÁ,o em inglÍs e DJ em ritmo alucinante, SINPO 55555 (CÈlio Rom·is, Tramandai, Brasil, radioescutas via DXLD)

** TURKEY. The Turkish Police Radio is not on air since approximately 3 months because of a technical problem and studies are being done to operate it as usual in 1 or 2 months period. The frequency is 7370 kHz, transmitting hours 24 hours in all days of the week and target area is Turkey.

The Turkish Weather Radio is on air. The frequency is 6900 kHz and power is 10 kW. Transmitting hours are 07-19 Turkish Time in all days of week and target area is Turkey (Sedef Somaltin, Jan 8, TRT HF Management, via George Poppin, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. BBC World Service Previews:

*Tue Jan 9 ||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||

OMNIBUS

Eu Tue 0405, Thu 1430, Sat 2230
Am Tue 0405, Thu 2030, Fri 0630

Breaking the Silence, 1 x 25/30 min from Jan 9
The dark secret of family violence in the Philippines

*Wed Jan 10 ||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||

MERIDIAN ñ MUSIC

Eu Wed 0905, 1905, Thu 0105, 1405
Am Wed 1405, Thu 0105, 2005, Fri 0605

Music Review, 6 x 25 min until Fri Jan 19
Birthday of pianist Alfred Brendel, Jan 10

*Thu Jan 11 ||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Eu Thu 2030, Fri 0230, 1530, Mon 1030
Am Fri 0230, 2130, Mon 1530

Speaking Lives, 8 x 15 min from Thu Jan 11
Stories of people, who tho from a different country, have shared
ambition or experience. And...

The Way We Are, 8 x 15 min from Thu Jan 11
Weekly live discussion around the week's British news stories; social
scientists challenged on subjects of their research

*Fri Jan 12 ||||||||||||||||||||||||||

DISCOVERY

Eu Fri 2005, Sat 0205, Mon 1505, Tue 1005
Am Sat 0205, Mon 2105, Tue 1505

The Shape of Things to Come, 1 x 25 min from Jan 12
New branch of science trying to answer evolution's biggest puzzle,
what causes the origin of species?
(BBC On Air via Chris Hambly, excerpted by gh for DXLD)

** U S A. FCC Chief to Leave after AOL Deal:
<http://www0.mercurycenter.com/local/center/kennard0108.htm>
(via Artie Bigley, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. John R. Gambling, who left the WOR morning show last fall after three generations of his family had a 75-year run in that slot, will return to the radio next weekend -- on WABC (770 AM).

WABC program director Phil Boyce said yesterday Gambling will do a live Saturday show, 6-10 a.m., starting Jan. 13, and spot features for the Curtis Sliwa-Ron Kuby morning show.

"It's not often you get a chance to bring in someone of John's stature and reputation," said Boyce. "He'll be doing the show everyone knows him for -- commenting on the news, interviews, heavy on personalities."

Gambling's WOR show was ranked in the city's top 10, but WOR told him in September it was not renewing his contract, citing a desire to attract younger listeners (David Hinckley, Original Publication Date: 1/5/01, NY Daily News via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A. WMLK, 9465, Dec 25, *1600-2100* : s/on with ID, sked, Bethel, PA address. Sacred Name program presented by the Assemblies of Yahweh. Announced licensed to broadcast at 0400-0900 and 1700-2200 on 9465 with 50,000 watts. But I usually hear them s/on at 1600, M-F only and s/off around 1930-2000. On late today, signing off at 2100. Strong signal at +30 over S9. Equal to WWCR on 9475. But I live only about 33 miles from WMLK transmitter site (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Dec 25 = just another day

Checked here again Jan 8 around 2030, and usual weak signal, but Elder Meyer barely audible. I still say it is very undermodulated. Tho your groundwave signal is very strong, don't you have to turn the audio gain way up to match, e.g., WWCR? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DXLD)

** U S A. radio station WWFV is starting a RTTY broadcast service; watch our web page <http://www.wwfv.org> or <http://www.wwfv.net> for details and skeds. WWFV will be doing RTTY, MFSK, SSTV and PSK 31 we will be sending out a beautiful "certificate of reception" qsl's to those who send us reception reports that include hard copies of our RTTY text received by them watch our page for the RTTY skeds (rec.radio.shortwave Jan 7 via Kirk Trummel, John Norfolk, DXLD)

Jan 8 around 2320 I checked all known WWFV channels, and found them only on 6890-USB. But on 5087.0 (not 5085) there was a strong continuous RTTY signal, WWFV? Did they bother to get authorization from FCC for this mode? And would the FCC really authorize a

broadcast licensee to do this? RTTY rx are not exactly widespread, compared to plain old AM, or even SSB. Another wacky idea from McCaysville! (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** USA. 25870 kHz, WFLA (NBFM Link), date and frequency letter, 15 months, for \$1 US and several appeals to station management to QSL, v/s John McMartin Chief Engineer WFLA/WFLZ states 65 watts and this is their "pre delay talk back to our traffic plane". Apparently now QSLing, anyone else? (Joe Talbot, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, Jan 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. We still have conflicting info about the relay sites actually used by Herald Broadcasting Syndicate [Christian Science], thanks to WSHB's refusal to reveal them.

BBC Monitoring issued a schedule 13 Dec 2000, last modified 4 Dec 2000: ``The station uses the following transmitters: two 500 kW at Cypress Creek, SC, callsign WSHB; facilities on Saipan hired from the US IBB... This schedule is compiled entirely from information supplied by the broadcaster and shows frequency useage only.''

In this, the only frequencies attributed to Saipan rather than WSHB are:

1000-1100 As 11870
1200-1300 As 5915 9880
1300-1400 As 7460

But from Nikolai Rudnev, Russia, in January NASWA LN, part of a long list of relays via Russia:

1200-1300 5915v 9880k
1300-1400 7460
i=Irkutsk
k=Komsomol'sk
v=Vladivostok

Note that there is no letter after 7460, leaving the key i for Irkutsk unaccounted for in this particular item. Surely someone is in a position to know, and tell, the truth about this. And don't forget Taiwan, which was previously designated in some versions as a site for them. We can't imagine why there should be any need for secrecy in this deal, especially when US government facilities are involved. It could be they may use, or may have used, more than one site on the same frequency and want to remain flexible (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. VOV English as of Nov. 25 2000:

1230a 9840 12020
1330e 9840 12020
1600e 9840 12020
1700e 12070
1800e 7440
1900e 9730 9840 12020
2030e 9731* 9840 12020
2330e 9840 12020
0100n 9525 (RCI relay)
0230n 9525 (RCI relay)
0330c 9795 (RCI relay)

* typo on sked for 9730? a=Asia, e=Europe, n=North America, c=Central America. Direct Jan. '01. RCI per RCI sked. FM, MW I left out (Larry Russell, MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN. Sana'a radio plans 24-hour transmissions | Text of report from Yemen newspaper Yemen Observer web site on 6 January

Sana'a Radio is preparing to extend its transmission programme to 24 hours daily. The vice-chairman of Sana'a Radio, Mr Abd al-Malik al-Arashi informed the Yemen Observer that Radio Sana'a had been instructed by the Minister of Information, Mr Abd al-Rahman al-Akwa, who is supervising this project, to extend its present broadcasting time to 24 hours a day. He added that all radio officials and technicians are still preparing programmes and procedures to implement these instructions. All plans and additional programme profiles will be accomplished and presented in a meeting with the minister of information in the coming days to be reviewed. Mr Al-Arashi said that Radio Sana'a will start the new 24 hours transmission as soon as plans and suggested new programmes are approved. The presently transmitted English Section will remain at the usual time from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily [1800-1900 UT on 9780v - gh]. The preparation duration of the programmes' extension is estimated a couple of weeks. Source: Yemen Observer web site, Sana'a, in English 6 Jan 01 (via BBC Monitoring via DXLD) ####